

BRICE AHEAD IN OHIO.

HIS FRIENDS WILL CONTROL THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

SEEKING TO FORCE CAMPBELL TO HEAD THE FORLORN HOPE FOR GOVERNOR-THURMAN AND THE SILVER FACTION PROBABLY BEATEN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Springfield, Ohio, Aug. 13.—Ohio Democrats are in a dilemma. They are gathering here to-night for their convention, which on Wednesday will nominate a candidate for Governor. Despite the boasts of the party leaders for weeks that the Democracy was coming to life again in Ohio, no leader is willing to run the risk of being elected Governor. The nomination goes begging. Sarg was the almost unanimous choice of his party until he declined peremptorily. Then they fell back on Campbell, who has made one losing and one successful run for the office. Campbell pleaded poverty and suggested Colonel James Kilbourne, of Columbus, as the most available man. Campbell's friends took up Kilbourne with modest enthusiasm, and only yesterday it looked as if he would be nominated with a hurrah.

Alas for Democratic hopes! Kilbourne to-day put out a letter kindly thanking his boomers, but protesting that he could not and would not accept. This information was flashed to Springfield and peddled out to the few delegates already here. Thurman, the younger, came in later from Columbus and confirmed the unwelcome news.

CAMPBELL, WILLING OR UNWILLING. Then with increasing numbers of delegates came another appeal that ex-Governor Campbell must give in and accept. To-night, despite Campbell's repeated declaration that he will not run, the ablest men of the demoralized Democratic party of Ohio are devising schemes for inducing him to accept. A so-called "harmony dinner" has at last been arranged. At first it was to be a social function, but it promises to be as fruitful of political results as the famous harmony dinners of Champlain. Depew, John H. Thomas, a millionaire resident here, himself credited with gubernatorial or senatorial aspirations, has invited a score of influential Democrats to dinner.



THE HON. PAUL J. SORG.

Tuesday night, Campbell, Brice, Ingalls, Sorg, Tom Johnson, Kline, Thurman and Holden are the most prominent in the list. It is expected that this dinner will develop a remarkable demand upon Campbell to accept. Brice, Ingalls, Sorg, Johnson and Holden are millionaires. It has been suggested that they will readily assure Mr. Campbell that his lack of war sinews will be supplied.

It is understood that in order to bring about a harmonious reaction in the Ohio Democracy these millionaire Democrats will put up a fund. Out of this fund will be paid the expenses of Campbell's campaign for Governor. He is a proud man, but the argument has been made to him that Governor McKinley accepted a relief fund while he was Governor, and that the Republicans can make no capital out of such a proposed arrangement as is now considered. So late to-night there is hope that Campbell will reconsider and that the hand will play "The Campbells Are Coming" as the convention overture.

BRICE AND SOUND MONEY AHEAD. But, after all, the Governorship is the least interesting feature of this gathering. A so-called silver party has arisen in Ohio, headed by Allen



SENATOR CALVIN S. BRICE.

W. Thurman, Colonel W. A. Taylor and L. E. Holden, a mine-owning editor of Cleveland. They have been at work for weeks arousing a sentiment for free coinage. They will show the result of their labors when the convention meets. They are proclaiming here that Brice should be thrown down and repudiated by the Ohio Democracy, because he advocates a gold standard. This attack has given all of Brice's enemies a chance to strike at him under cover. Every turned-down office-seeker here pretends to oppose Brice, but cause he is a "goldbug." In fact, the silver boomers hunted up all the disaffected Democrats in Ohio, urged them to be delegates and down Brice under the pretence of being silver men. The attempt has undoubtedly fallen short of its purpose. Brice and the sound-money idea will win. Out of 807 delegates to the convention, Brice's managers to-night claim to have 500 who Brice's managers to-night claim to have 500 who Brice's managers to-night claim to have 500 who

and they smile significantly, knowing that the Administration is backing the Senator. A year ago Ohio Democrats flayed Brice in open convention for opposing Cleveland's tariff ideas. This year Cleveland's admirers in Ohio are cheering Brice for upholding the banner of sound money. The first clash between the Brice and anti-Brice people will come to-morrow evening, when the convention committees are chosen and organized. There are several contesting delegations; consequently, Brice's first fight is to secure the Committee on Credentials. This also probably secures the Committee on Resolutions, and on Resolutions. Then he can sit in the convention and smile at the silverites and the disappointed postoffice applicants. Thus far ahead it looks like a Brice convention.

ENDS HIS LIFE WITH A GUN.

SUICIDE OF DR. W. H. DIBBLE, A RETIRED BROOKLYN DENTIST.

IT IS SUPPOSED HE WORKED THE TRIGGER WITH HIS TON-A REVOLVER AND A CHLOROFORM BOTTLE IN THE BATHROOM WHERE HE DIED—ILL-HEALTH THE CAUSE.

William H. Dibble, a retired Brooklyn dentist, possessed of a comfortable fortune, committed suicide with a shotgun on Sunday afternoon in his room at the hotel of his sister, Mrs. Brooks, with whom he lived, at No. 355 Second-st., Brooklyn. He had been sitting in the parlor with his sister only a few minutes before, and left her reading a paper while he went to the bathroom.

He was about seventy years old and peculiar in his ways. He lost his wife a number of years ago and his sister kept house for him. Of late his health had been failing, and Dr. Lawrence, of Ninth-st., called on Sunday to see him. After he had gone Mr. Dibble walked downstairs and asked his sister if the doctor had said anything about his condition. She told him with some hesitation that the doctor had found evidence of kidney trouble. Mr. Dibble became moody and nervous. Mrs. Brooks heard him doing something upstairs, but paid no particular attention to him. Soor she heard a muffled shot, however, and ran out to get assistance before investigating.

A neighbor, named Weinberg, who lives at No. 359 Second-st., went with her to the bathroom upstairs and found Dibble's dead body in the bath tub, clad only in undergarments. A double-barreled shotgun was lying on the bathroom floor, a bottle of chloroform unopened stood near by. Blood was streaming into the bathtub, in which there was no water, from a wound in Dibble's abdomen. Dibble had evidently used his ton to press the trigger. The case was not reported to the police until yesterday afternoon. Coroner Kane and Dr. Shepard made a preliminary examination. A post-mortem examination will be made to-day. The dead dentist was an enthusiastic sportsman in his younger days, and his room contained many fowling-pieces and traps. It is believed that failing health was the motive for self-destruction.

SWEEP BY A FIERCE STORM.

LIVES LOST AND PROPERTY WORTH \$100,000 DESTROYED ABOUT PITTSBURGH.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 19.—Reports of damage caused by the storm which swept over a portion of Pittsburgh and Allegheny last evening continue. The numerous accounts of narrow escapes from ruin by the wind render it remarkable that there were so few fatalities. The high wind and heavy rain were accompanied by lightning. During the storm there was much sharp lightning, but no damage resulted from this cause. A number of buildings in various parts of Pittsburgh and Allegheny suffered damage to roofs and chimneys. In some instances windows and doors were blown open and the buildings deluged with water. The telephone and telegraph wires, including the fire alarm and patrol systems, were badly demoralized. The heaviest individual loss from the storm was that caused by damage to the framework of Henderson, Johnston & Co.'s grain elevator, in process of erection, on Carson-st. The damage done is about \$20,000. Near Bedford-ave. a new unoccupied brick house, valued at a portion of the walls falling upon a frame dwelling occupied by Mrs. Daily and one child and Mrs. Pryor and three children. Two of the Pryor family and Mrs. Daily and her child were buried in the wreck. They were speedily rescued and were uninjured.

River craft suffered seriously. The steamers Lud Keefe and Tillie and the barge Dakota, which was at the bottom of the Monongahela River, the tug Little Hill, anchored near the Point Bridge. The Little Hill, a pleasure barge, was blown from its moorings in the Allegheny River and was badly damaged. Millie Linbaugh, stewardess of the Lud Keefe, was blown into the air and was drowned. Captain Keefe escaped through a window and swam ashore. An unknown woman was blown into the air and was killed. The report has not been verified. Patrick Shea, fireman at the Lud Keefe, was blown into the air and was killed. John Adams, conductor on a Second-ave. electric car, was badly injured by a falling timber. Two men who occupied a shanty boat on the Allegheny side of the river were missing. The storm was altogether local, and in the fifteen minutes of its duration nearly one-half inch of rain fell. The total damage to property in the city is estimated at about \$100,000.

SHE TRIES TO LEAP FROM THE TRAIN.

A HANDSOMELY DRESSED WOMAN GIVES HER JEWELRY TO A PASSENGER AND THEN STARTS ON A JUMP TO DEATH—LATER DOES SKIRT DANCE LATE.

A handsome, elderly woman, evidently insane, caused considerable excitement at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Station in Hoboken yesterday morning. She got off the Buffalo Express, coming from Utica. After she left the train she began to do a skirt dance in the station. Some of the passengers on the train told the detective in the station that she had made a leap from the train while it was in motion, first taking off her jewelry and giving it to a passenger. Some of the passengers prevented her from making the leap. The woman imagined that strange objects were following her to rob her of her jewelry.

At times she became hysterical and cried and laughed. Mrs. Hamilton Gerard, wife of a lumber merchant in Utica, also said that her name was Jennings, that her husband was wealthy and had sent wild beasts to injure her. She gave the address of friends living in Harlem, and a messenger was sent with her to that place.

SEEING A LODGE OF RED MEN.

MR. WEIMER WANTS THE KAKIAT TRIBE OF CONGRESS TO PAY FOR BREAKING HIS LEG.

A novel and interesting suit has been brought in the Supreme Court by George Weimer, of New York City. Kakiat tribe, while being initiated into the Improved Order of Red Men, of Congress, Mr. Weimer had his leg broken during some part of the ceremonies. It appears that the Kakiat tribe became too enthusiastic, and the breaking of the candidate's leg was the result. Mr. Weimer has had much trouble and expense with his injured limb, and thinks that \$2,000 would reimburse him for becoming the victim of the Red Men. His doctor bill is said to have amounted to about \$900. He wanted the tribe to settle the suit, but they could come to no agreement, and the suit was instituted.

DUNN ASKED TO EXPLAIN.

THE WEATHER BUREAU WANTS TO KNOW WHY HE MADE CERTAIN ALLEGED PREDICTIONS.

Washington, Aug. 19.—"Farmer" Dunn, the local forecast official of the Weather Bureau, chief of the Weather Bureau, has been called on by the Weather Bureau for an explanation of certain matters printed in the papers of that city. Numerous reports have been published there and throughout the country that two months of hot and dry weather may be looked for, and these predictions are repudiated by the Weather Bureau. Mr. Moore said to-day:

"These reports say that Mr. Dunn, the local forecast official of the Weather Bureau, has made this forecast after consultation with me. I wish to say that no such consultation has been held with me. Neither Mr. Dunn nor I have any official connection with the Weather Bureau. In the present state of meteorological science, to make any such prediction, Mr. Dunn has to-day been called on for an explanation."

Mr. Dunn, when seen by Tribune reporter last night about the above dispatch, said he had received no notification from Mr. Moore, of the Weather Bureau, about his alleged predictions. He said he was two months of hot and dry weather. He had never made such a prediction, but that his name was used in connection with it. He said that his son was, but would like to find out. He said there was no friction between Mr. Moore and himself, and the predictions he made were only for thirty-six hours.

NO INQUIRY PERMITTED.

INVESTIGATION OF THE KU-CHENG MASSACRE SHUT OFF.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN CONSULS TO INQUIRE INTO THE KILLING OF THE MISSIONARIES.

Shanghai, Aug. 19.—The "Mercury" of this city states that the Chinese Government has refused to allow the British and American consuls at Foo-chow to make any inquiries into the massacre of Christians at Ku-cheng, where they and the other members of the commission of inquiry arrived a few days ago. London, Aug. 19.—The "Times" will to-morrow publish a dispatch from Hong Kong confirming the report of the refusal of the Chinese Government to allow the British and American consuls to inquire into the Ku-cheng massacre. The dispatch adds that the Chinese soldiers are plundering the people, who feel that the foreigners are the cause of their sufferings and believe that it is necessary to destroy them. Further incendiary placards have been posted in Canton.

"The Pall Mall Gazette" has a dispatch from Shanghai saying that a French gunboat has left Hongkong for the purpose of opening up the province of Hou-Nan. The gunboat will proceed up the Yangtze-Kiang as far as Ting-hoo Lake, which is over one thousand miles from the district covered by the Franco-Chinese treaty.

STRIKING MINERS REJECT OFFERS.

COMPANY OFFICIALS AT ISHPEMING SAY THEY WILL LET THE MINES FILL WITH WATER.

Ishpeeming, Mich., Aug. 19 (Special).—Two of the mines at Cascade, some eight miles from here, expected to resume work in two or three days, and having obtained permission of the union on condition of continued support of the organization. At Union Park to-day the miners decided to refuse the offers of the Cleveland and Winthrop mines, so the strike, so far as Ishpeeming is concerned, is still in full force. The Cleveland Company's pump fires have been extinguished, and the mines are now being worked. The agents say the mines will be closed up entirely and allowed to fill with water. The miners reject this statement as a "bluff," so far as the mines are concerned.

MORE THEFTS FROM PUBLISHERS.

A CLERK FOR DILLINGHAM & CO. STEALS BOOKS WORTH \$1,000.

Edward Scott, a clerk in the employ of Charles T. Dillingham & Co., publishers, of No. 74 Broadway, was arrested yesterday by Detective Sergeant Wade, of the Central Office, and was locked up at Police Headquarters, charged with stealing valuable books from his employers. Dillingham & Co. have been missing quantities of books for some weeks, but were unable to discover who among their employes was robbing them. The senior member of the firm finally went to Police Headquarters on Saturday morning and sought the aid of the Acting Chief of Detectives, O'Brien. Detective Sergeant Wade was put on the case, and Saturday afternoon when the book store was closed and the books were being packed, he saw Scott leave the place with a parcel. He followed the man to his home, No. 11 East 10th-st., where he placed him under arrest. He took Scott to the Tombs Police Court, where two copies of "Trilby" were found in his possession. He has a dozen volumes of Longfellow's works were found in the parcel. Scott was remanded to Police Headquarters by Magistrate Corbett. There Acting Captain O'Brien talked to him, and the prisoner confessed that during the last two months he had stolen 200 books from Dillingham & Co. and stored them at his home. The value of the stolen books is about \$1,000.

GOOD ROADS THEIR OBJECT.

PLANS OF AN ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE WHICH WILL MEET IN SEVERAL CITIES.

Albany, Aug. 19.—The special committee appointed by the next Legislature on the question of securing good roads in this State met here to-night. Assemblyman Richard Higbie, of Suffolk County, is the chairman of the committee, and the other members are Assemblymen Charles J. Smith, of Monroe; Henry Krenrich, of Sullivan; Michael Tobin, of New-York; and Henry J. Staley, of Schenectady. The committee will meet in Schenectady to-morrow and afterward hold meetings in Utica, Syracuse, Watertown, Auburn, Rochester and Buffalo, spending a day in each city. They have made arrangements to meet the Supervisors of the counties and to acquaint them with the result of the committee's inspection of improved roads in Massachusetts. The committee is looking for recommendations and suggestions, with a view of reporting to the next Legislature a plan for courses to provide better roads with State aid.

YOUNG FISH AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

HE CAUSES A DISTURBANCE AT THE CASINO ROOF GARDEN AND IS ARRESTED.

Hamilton Fish, Jr., nephew of Speaker Fish, was locked up in the West Thirtieth-st. station last night, charged with disorderly conduct. Fish, who is a well-built six-footer and a good-looking fellow, was in a discussion with one of the waiters regarding the price of a round of drinks. Previous to the dispute young Fish had made himself obnoxious to the people around him and attracted considerable attention by his loud remarks.

As Fish created a disturbance a short time ago at the Casino Roof Garden, the manager, sent for a policeman. When the policeman appeared one of Fish's friends paid the amount in dispute, 40 cents, and when the policeman requested Fish to leave the building he at first demurred, but finally he and his friends started out. In the lobby of the building Fish began to talk loudly and attract a crowd. The policeman again ordered him out, and upon his refusal to go arrested him.

At the station-house, Fish said his name was James Hamilton, twenty-three years old; that he was a reporter on "The Illustrated American" and lived at No. 706 Third-ave. He was accompanied to the station-house by two friends, one of whom was a wealthy man, and the other a young man. After Fish was locked up his friends started out to get bail. Fish has recently been mixed up in several other episodes.

A RUNAWAY HORSE IN BROADWAY.

A POLICEMAN STOPPED THE ANIMAL, BUT WAS THROWN DOWN AND INJURED.

A horse attached to a delivery wagon belonging to F. O. Price, of No. 172 Fulton-st., ran away in Broadway, near Bleeker-st., late yesterday afternoon, and for a time caused much excitement. There was no driver on the wagon. The horse was stopped by Policeman Lake, who caught him by the bridle, but not until he had dragged the officer a considerable distance. The horse was badly injured, but the driver was not hurt. The horse was taken to the police station and will be kept there until it can be disposed of.

A DOCTOR IN A PADDED CELL.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Aug. 19.—Dr. W. B. Mills, of New-York, is in a padded cell, temporarily insane. The doctor was married four weeks ago to a Philadelphia girl, and had just ended a trip through Michigan. While waiting for his train last night he left his bridle, on pretense of getting a shave. The train went, but the doctor did not appear, and his wife was distressed. Several hours later she found he had become insane and been locked up. He said he had taken an overdose of morphine. He will recover.

TWENTY-FIVE LIVES LOST.

A DENVER HOTEL BLOWN UP.

THE RUINS TAKE FIRE AND GUESTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE CREMATED.

MAINED VICTIMS RESCUED FROM THE WRECK—TWO OPINIONS AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE DISASTER—EX-GOVERNOR ROUIT BELIEVES IT WAS DYNAMITE EX-PILODED IN REVENGE.

Denver, Aug. 19.—Probably twenty-five men, women and children perished by an explosion of the boiler in the Gurney Hotel, on Lawrence-st., shortly after midnight this morning. Half a dozen others are injured and at the hospital. Eight burned and crushed bodies are at the morgue. Ten more are known to be buried in the ruins, but seventeen persons are reported missing altogether. With deafening sound and terrific force the entire rear portion of the building was demolished. The rear and side walls crumbled like a toy house. Soon afterward the mass of timbers, brick and furniture caught fire, cremating many of the victims, who lay pinned and helpless amid the blazing pile. Their piteous appeals for help could not be responded to because of the flames. The known killed, whose bodies have been recovered, are as follows:

DEAD.

BURT George, of Denver, a conductor on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad.
GREINER, R. C., Assistant Superintendent of Construction at the State Capitol.
GREINER, Mrs. R. C., wife of above, who acted as clerk of the hotel.
HUBBOLD, Frederick, of Lisbon, Iowa, guest.
M'LOSKY, F. J., of Longmont, Col., guest.
RICHARDS, William, of Denver, elevator boy.
Unknown child, three years old.
Unknown woman.

The only means of identifying the body of the woman is by a gold band ring with the initials "H. B." engraved thereon.

Among those who are missing and supposed to be still in the ruins are the following:

MISSING.

ADAMS, General Charles, of Denver.
BLAKE, W. J.
CORSON, N. J.
EDWARDS, E. W., butcher, of Denver.
FRENCH, F. C., County Treasurer of Gilpin County, Col.

GUMRY, Peter, owner of the hotel and Superintendent of Construction at the Capitol.
MURPHY, James, prominent Democrat of Omaha.
WOLFE, Mrs. G. B.
WOLFE, Grace, five years old, of Lincoln, Neb.
LURCH, B. L., of Blackhawk.
—Unknown woman.
—Three unknown chambermaids.

INJURED.

BURGESS, Nathan.
COLEMAN, Frederick.
HOPKINS, Bud.
IRWIN, Alexander E.
LEIGH, M. E.
MINAL, Joseph.

The latest information regarding the catastrophe is that a seventeen-year-old boy, Elmer Pierce, who was placed temporarily in charge of the boiler, was responsible for the explosion. With the boiler almost at white heat, he let cold water into the tubular machinery, causing an immediate explosion. He escaped uninjured and to-night was being hunted by the angry people.

The boy who was in charge of the boiler at the time of the accident had attended a picnic during the day, and was under the influence of liquor when he went on duty, as several persons have testified. How he ever managed to turn the injector cock and escape without injury is a mystery. The boilers are said to have been in excellent condition.

Late to-night many telegrams came to Police Headquarters from New-York, San Francisco, Chicago and other points inquiring of people registered at hotels in Denver.

Ex-Governor Rout said to a United Press reporter to-day: "In my opinion, the explosion was caused by dynamite instead of the boiler. I think it was done to kill Mr. Gurney. You know he is Superintendent of Construction at the Capitol Building and lately discharged a number of men. These men have been heard to threaten his life. I do not think a boiler explosion would have wrecked the building in the manner it did."

Few other people than firemen, the hastily summoned rescue corps and policemen remained near the scene to witness the recovery of the horribly burned and distorted bodies. M. E. Letson, who was the first live man taken from the ruins, slept on the third floor, and when found was incased in a conical mass of mortar and bricks that barely allowed freedom of movement. Chief Roberts, of the Fire Department, first discovered him and rapidly began the removal of the tons of material that seemed to rest directly upon his body. In heartrending appeals he begged for something to end his life. The rescuers worked with a will, and in two hours had succeeded in removing enough plaster and bricks from the body to allow his removal. His lower limbs were crushed, but he will survive his terrible ordeal.

About 10 o'clock a woman's hand protruded from among a pile of building material. A space was cleared around it, and when the form was removed it was discovered that she was dead. Lying beside the body was the corpse of a child. The firemen kept bravely at work, superintended by Mayor McMurtry and Police Commissioners Hogle, Church and Wilson. In the afternoon women volunteers came with refreshments for the workers. At 5 a. m. the body of an unknown man was recovered and taken to the Morgue. It was thought to be that of F. J. McCloskey. Half an hour later the body of Conductor Burt was discovered. Earlier in the morning he was the holder of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Greiner, clamped in an embrace of death amid tons of wreckage. They had undoubtedly died from suffocation.

Excitement in the city to-night is at a high pitch. Throngs of people crowd Police Headquarters and the Morgue to search for missing friends.

Immediately after the explosion occurred a boy was heard walling in the corner of a room which was nearly all fallen away. His parents had gone down with the first crash. Afterward the little one's cries became weaker and weaker, and when the flames shot up into the skeleton of the building his voice was silenced.

It is thought that almost the entire force of employees in the building have been killed, for they were sleeping in the portion which fell, and the remaining walls toppled over upon them, burying them from all hope of rescue. The force of the explosion and the concussion of the falling walls shattered the windows on both sides of Lawrence-st., from Seventeenth-st. to Eighteenth-st., and back of the hotel, on Larimer-st., the plate-glass windows of all the business houses were utterly wrecked, and belated pedestrians were badly injured by the falling of glass and flying debris. The fronts of many buildings in the vicinity were very badly wrecked. The hotel structure for 100 feet along the alley and extending seventy-five feet toward the front was a mass of wreckage. Brick and plaster were piled in heaps twenty feet high, and from the ruins could be heard the moans of the injured and dying. At 12:35 o'clock five injured persons were being taken to the hospital.

Every engine in the city was called to the scene, but the flames could not possibly be got under control before many of the injured had been cremated. As their chances of escape lessened the

cries of the imprisoned people increased, heart-rending shrieks rising from every portion of the great mass of wreckage. Two injured women had been almost extricated from the ruins when the flames approached so close that the rescuers had to abandon them for their own safety. The bodies of three women were also seen in the back part of the building, but could not be reached. The firemen worked with great heroism. The heat was intense and the smoke blinding. Electric light wires hanging in the alley and walls threatening to fall increased the peril of the situation. Once the men almost managed to reach the interior, where they were to find the bodies of the victims, but they crossed the threshold in the rear and fell and exposed to view the inmates making frantic struggles to escape. The firemen saw Mrs. Greiner, wife of the assistant superintendent of the State Capitol, appealing to them from the back of a truss that pinned her to the floor of the office, whence she had tried to escape.

By the explosion everything in the shape of a record was destroyed, and there will be no means of realizing the exact extent of the fatalities, even after the building has been razed to the ground, for the bones are in the place of a furnace that will destroy all traces of identity.

The firemen made a brave effort to save a woman caught in the wreck of the north corner of the hotel, but were forced to abandon the attempt.

The Gurney Hotel was a five-story brick structure, with stone front, and was built about six years ago. It was of the better class of hotels, and was largely used by transient family patronage. Many men, women and children were among the guests. The building was built as the Eden Musee by the widow of Tom Thumb, and was sold to the late John Greiner, who used it as a hotel. Gurney & Greiner have owned the hotel for several years. Mr. Gurney was a prominent contractor and had done much of the work during the building of the State Capitol. Mr. Greiner acted in the capacity of manager. The Gurney has been destroyed by fire three times. Under the management of Tom Thumb, the Eden Musee was famous for the puppet shows, and was carried out by the firemen. Again, as a furniture factory, fire entered and swept the block, killing the watchman, who had fallen asleep at his post of duty. The property loss is \$75,000.

SPANKED AFTER MARRYING.

A BROOKLYN MOTHER-IN-LAW ADOPTS SUMMARY MEASURES.

HER DAUGHTER, FOURTEEN YEARS OLD, SECRETLY WEDDED TO A BOARDER—THE PARENT AND FRIENDS CALL ON THE MINISTER WITH A COWHIDE, BUT IT IS NOT USED—NO MORE CIGARETTES FOR "HUBBY."

Mrs. Mary Browne, who lives at No. 395 Gates-ave., Brooklyn, and takes a number of boarders, has a new son-in-law, Edward Randall, twenty-one years old, who surreptitiously married Mrs. Browne's fourteen-year-old daughter, Violet Adelaide Arnett, on August 8. Mrs. Browne's management of the young folks' affairs since they were married by the Rev. Mr. Darlington, of the Monroe Street Primitive Methodist Church, is being heartily commended by stern people and lamented by those of a romantic turn of mind.

Randall began boarding at Mrs. Browne's about a year ago, and a tender attachment sprang up between him and Violet. On August 8 Randall took the girl out for a short walk, with the mother's consent. They went to the minister before named and were married. They kept their secret for a whole week, and then confessed to the astonished mother. The neighbors say there was an old-fashioned spanking in the neighborhood at about that time.

When a Tribune reporter asked Mrs. Browne about the affair last night she said: "Yes, it is all too true that those foolish children were married. Violet is my only child, and I suppose, has had her way too much. She has read a good deal, and no doubt got her romantic nonsense from some book. She is nothing but a child, and is as fit to be a minister as a wife. My son-in-law is a nice boy, and comes of a good family. I think he married Violet because he found out she would inherit a good deal of property when she is of age. They have not lived together, and I don't intend they shall for a long time. Violet goes to a boarding-school this week, Wednesday, and Mr. Randall stays here under my eye. I don't want to see an eye on him. Whether I shall prosecute him depends on his future conduct. He is behaving very well, indeed. There is one thing I've changed in his habits. During the last few days, though, I have forbidden him to smoke. He has been smoking with noticeable firmness, and that is in regard to his cigarette smoking. He has always smoked them, and as his family is a respectable one, I don't want to let it be known that my mother-in-law I reproved him for his bad habits, and told him that if I could give up my cigarettes I would give up my daughter. He said he would and I am disposed to do anything to please me. It is not a fact that I have tried to horsewhip the Rev. Mr. Darlington. I went to his house with some friends of mine to hear what he had to say. One of my friends had a cowhide, but I forbade his using it and got the whip away from him. Mr. Darlington, it is understood, defends his action by saying that 'Violet told him she was over sixteen years old.'"

THE MONTREAL EXPRESS DITCHED. CARS PLUNGED INTO AN ADIRONACK MARSH BY THE SINKING OF A RAIL.

Tupper Lake, N. Y., Aug. 19 (Special).—The Adirondack and Montreal express, which left New-York last night at 7 o'clock, was thrown from the track at Nehasane Park station at 4:45 o'clock this morning, and the whole train, which was composed of a baggage car, two day coaches and four sleeping cars, was ditched, with the exception of one sleeper, which was the last car of the train. No one was killed, and the only damage to the passengers was a severe shaking up.

A few slight injuries from breaking glass, and the cause of the disaster was the sinking of one of the rails, the roadbed at that point being marred, and made more insecure by the heavy rains. The passengers in the smoking car fared worse than any others, as that car went furthest into the marsh, and for a while it was flooded, some of the passengers being compelled to swim out. Following this train was a special carrying W. K. Vanderbilt and Lewis Webb, son of W. S. Webb, president of the Wagner Palace Car Company, on their way to their shooting grounds at Kildare Club house. Both these gentlemen rendered valuable assistance in the way of caring for and rescuing the passengers of the ditched train.

A FREE PASS LEADS TO TROUBLE.

ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE A RAILROAD AND SAVE \$25 BY A NAVAL OFFICER.

San Francisco, Aug. 19 (Special).—The scalping of free passes has caused California railroad companies much trouble, and lately they have been hot on the trail of ticket-brokers guilty of this fraud. It has just leaked out that the latest person guilty of this offence is a Naval officer, who was recently transferred to this Coast. He came from Chicago to Mojave on a pass issued by the Santa Fe Company, for himself and wife, for the round trip. Last week the wife started on her return. The railroad accommodations for the trip are about \$15, and meals cost about \$10. To save this amount an arrangement was made with a ticket scaler by which he agreed to furnish a man who would personate the officer and pay for his wife's Pullman car and meals for the sake of sharing her pass. The substitute would save about \$60 and the officer's wife would save \$25. Neither thought of the railroad company.

But Santa Fe officials learned of the deception and when the officer's wife had left Mojave the conductor of the train told her she was travelling under false pretences and took up the pass. She was in great distress and pawned jewelry with the conductor to pay \$60 for her fare to Albuquerque. Her companion, who was a Hebrew tramp, was carrying all his cash to pay his own fare, and reached Albuquerque "flat broke." The officer's wife in Albuquerque was told that her husband was in the city and that she should go to Chicago, where she is due to-day. The ticket-broker who personated the officer with the train to use her pass will be prosecuted and the officer's case will be brought to the attention of the Navy Department.

WELCOME FOR VALKYRIE III.

THE BRITISH CUP CHALLENGER GREETED WITH EAGER INTEREST.

A CROWD OF YACHTS AND SAILING CRAFT HOVERS ABOUT HER ALL DAY—EVERY MOVEMENT OF LORD DUNRAVEN'S SPEEDY CRAFT SCANNED CLOSELY—LOOKING A LITTLE DINGY FROM HER TRIP—HEARTY ENGLISH CHEERS FROM THE THROATS OF HER SAILORS RING OUT FOR THE DEFENDER—TO BE ALL READY BY SEPTEMBER 7.

The challenging British yacht, Valkyrie III, lies at Erie Basin, where she was towed late yesterday afternoon. Her masts were taken out last night on her arrival, and this morning, before she goes into the drydock, her racing spars will be put aboard of her. There were crowds on the Battery all yesterday morning and late into the afternoon to catch a glimpse of the new cup hunter. Lots of excursions down the Bay were made, and the Battery boatmen made a regular harvest taking out people who wanted to see just what the Valkyrie is like.

A Tribune reporter was rowed out to her as she lay there off Hell-gate Island at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. To look at her from a distance

one would say at once that the Valkyrie is a black and not a white boat. This, however, was only an effect of the waves and of the distance. Seen close up, the Valkyrie is a white boat, sure enough,